State involving an outlay of Rs. 429.87 crores. This included a sum of Rs. 94.23 crores for implementing a Master Plan for drinking water. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 66.51 crores has been approved for drought relief in the Gujarat for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88. This includes a sum of Rs. 10.99 crores for 1986-87 and Rs. 9.27 crores for 1987-88 for drinking water sector. The total ceilings of expenditure approved so far for tackling drought for the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during the post 1986 monsoon period are as follows:—

(*Rs. in Crores*)

State	Ceiling approved for	
	1986-87 (Post-monsoon)	1987-88
1. Gujarat	34·96	31·55
2. Maharashtra	23·98	12·29
3. Rajasthan	42·75	12·07
4. Andhra Pradesh	23·19	25·19
5. Karnataka	3·82	0·99
6. Tamil Nadu	31·77	..

(c) As per the Master Plan for 1986-87 prepared by the Government of Gujarat the number of 100 mm (4 inches) bores to be drilled by April 1987 is 67,36. Figures of the successful bores drilled so far are not available.

(d) Drilling of bore size i.e. 6 inches|4 inches depends upon geological and geo-hydrological conditions at sites and requirements of water there. The cost of each such bore and the time required for its drilling also varies upon geo-hydrological conditions and depth of drilling.

Amendment to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

829. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer the reply to Unstarred Question 1268 given in Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the amendment of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the prices of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops

830. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the price of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops with effect from 1st May, 1987;

(b) if so, the extent to which price have been increased;

(c) what are the reasons for such an increase; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to affect the poor people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Consequant upon increase in the procurement price of wheat by Rs. 4 per quintal from 1st April, 1987, the central issue price of wheat supplied to the State|Governments|Union Territory Administrations for sale through the public distribution system has been revised from Rs. 190 to Rs. 195 per quintal, with effect from 1st May, 1987. The retail price of wheat for the consumer is fixed by the State Governments after adding